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The above – referenced patent expired on April 29, 2011 for failure to pay the seven and one-half (7 ½) year maintenance fee. Since the petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.378(c). However, the petition received on August 31, 2011 was not accompanied with the \$1240 payment of the 7 ½ year maintenance fee and the \$1640 surcharge which was inadvertently omitted. Whereas the Petition was

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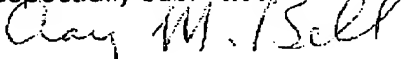
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initially accepted and the expired patent revived, a letter was mailed to Applicants' Attorney by the Petitions Branch sua sponte noting the omission of the fees and withdrawing the initially granted petition. Reconsideration of this decision is desired under 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(e) and included herewith is a payment of \$3280.00 comprising a payment for \$1240 payment of the 7 1/2 years maintenance fee; a \$1640 surcharge; and \$400 for this Petition for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(e). Also included herewith is a copy of the initially filed Petition. Since this petition for reconsideration had to be filed within two (2) months from the mail date of the notice letter, this Petition is timely filed. Furthermore, the delayed payment of a maintenance fee was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attorney Docket No. 127924-00101 :

This letter is the result of a sua sponte review of the September 14, 2011 electronically filed petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee in the above-identified application.

A review of USPTO records reveals that the "Petition To Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment Of Maintenance Fee In An Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(c))" and the accompanying "Electronic Patent Application Fee Transmittal" submission filed September 14, 2011 were erroneously accepted. Petitioner has not submitted a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), as required in the petition decision mailed September 9, 2011 along with the required \$400.00 reconsideration fee. Therefore, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) along with the required \$400.00 reconsideration fee must be filed within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this letter.

If applicant fails to submit the above, the electronically filed, September 14, 2011, petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) will be **VACATED** and the status will be changed to indicate that the above-identified patent is expired.

The renewed petition cannot be filed using the ePetition format but must instead be filed to the Office of Petitions for consideration.

Any inquiries directly pertaining to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

/KOC/
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Office of Petitions